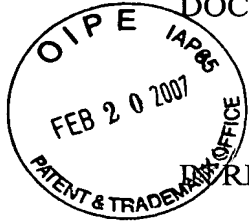


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.